GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NON-AVALIBILITY OF BLOOD IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of patients die in Government/Government aided hospitals due to non-availability of blood of various groups on time;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the last two years and till date; and

(c) the concrete measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No report from any of the States/UTs have been received regarding death due to non-availability of blood of various groups on time in Government/Government aided hospitals. However, there could be occasional or seasonal shortage of some rare blood groups which is being addressed by promoting blood donations and voluntary blood donor registry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various measures taken by the Government to enhance Voluntary Blood Donation in the country are as follows:

i) Promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation Programme across the country.
ii) Awareness Programmes on Voluntary Blood Donation among the youths.
iii) Workshops on Voluntary Blood Donation, Safe Blood and Donor Motivation.
iv) Recruitment and retention of regular voluntary blood donors.
v) IEC materials on Blood Safety and Voluntary Blood Donation.